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FORCES FROM VIETNAM

1. YUGOSLAV PRESS MARCH 30 GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO WITHDRAWAL FINAL US FORCES FROM VIETNAM. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA CARRIES PAGE ONE (TWO COLUMN, LOWER CENTER) REPORT ON US EVACUATION HEADLINED WITH STATEMENT BY LAST US MILITARY COMMANDER IN VIETNAM: " HONARABLE PEACE IS ACHIEVED." BORBA CARRIES SAME ITEM (P. 2): " AMERICANS EVACUATED FROM SOUTH VIETNAM."

2. NOVI SAD DAILY DNEVNIK MARCH 30 INCLUDES UNSIGNED TANJUG COMMENTARY " END OF EASTERN PENTAGON" ALSO PUBLISHED IN MARCH 30 TANJUG BULLETIN, WITH BRIEF EXCERPTS CARRIED AS BORBA BOXED ITEM. DNEVNIK ARTICLE NOTES COST TO US OF VN INVOLVEMENT AND REMINDS THAT US FORCES LEAVE VN " IN SHADOW OF 75,000 US NAVAL AND AIRFORCE OFFICERS AND CREW- MEN IN SOUTH CHINA SEA, THILAND, AND GUAM." COMMENTARY WRITES THAT US HAS LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY OF DISENGAGING " POWERFUL WAR MACHINE FROM VIETNAMESE JUNGLES" AND " INVINCIBLE POWER OF ALL- PEOPLE' S DEFENSIVE WAR." THUS, COMMENTARY CONTINUES, " FREEDOM- LOVING WORLD CAN SURELY CONCLUDE THAT AMERICA WOULD DO EVERYTHING IN ITS

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POWER TO HEAD OFF ANY NEW ADVENTURE" AND WOULD BEWARE OF
ENCOURAGING " CURELEST INSTINCTS" OF SAIGON' S GENERALS FOR
" POWER AND RICHES ."
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